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11 April 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 11 April 1966

DD/I tabled an Agency memo providing the latest information and figures concerning NVN infiltration of SVN. It was agreed that this memo would be given standard distribution as well as a special dissemination over DCI's signature to senior officials.

Godfrey reported on latest word concerning the Vietnam situation. He also noted the reported arrests of some Yugoslav military officers.

ADD/S noted the loss of an Air America helicopter in Laos on 9 April after a power failure following take-off. The legal implications of injuries sustained in such air incidents is under study by OGC and DD/S.

ADD/S reported that the Vietnam piaster rate has fallen in the Hong Kong money market. This helps with the problem of black market rates of piasters in Vietnam.

deSilva discussed the current situation within the Buddhist movement in SVN. (See Action 1)

deSilva gave to DCI a copy of his team's report on Thailand. Additional copies will be disseminated internally today.

Houston reported the appointment of Philip Kelleher as an assistant to Blandford on the staff of the Rivers committee. [] took Kelleher to JMWAVE. Kelleher was impressed with what he saw and learned.

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DD/P noted the favorable development presented by a new law signed by Garcia Godoy which improves election procedures and machinery in the Dominican Republic. It was also noted that Bosch plans to run and that his running mate is Guzman.

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ACTION:

1. Noting current concern over Tri Quang and the Buddhist movement in SVN, DCI directed that SAVA and DD/I consult and prepare a memo on the Buddhist movement including a profile on Tri Quang and a listing of possible events, courses of action, and unfavorable situations which may ensue in Vietnam. (DD/I and SAVA - Memo to be ready by 13 April)

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